

FEW MINERS IN REGION REPORT TO WORK TODAY

Shortage of Workers Replaces Old Trouble of Lack of Empty Coal Cars.

CAR SUPPLY BETTER

100 Per Cent Supply Received by Mines on Monongah Division of B. & O.

Large coal companies reported today that they were experiencing some difficulty in having the miners report to work after the Christmas holidays. The complaint along this line appeared to be general in Northern West Virginia.

There was a rumor afloat in the region today to the effect that the miners in the Galloway section had decided to knock off the whole week, but neither the labor department of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association nor President J. F. Fornash, Grafton, sub district 3, had received any complaint and apparently the rumor was false.

When the mines opened today there was an average of a 60 per cent car supply in Northern West Virginia. The chief coal producing divisions of course made more favorable showing in a number of instances. The Monongah Division, B. & O., had a 100 per cent run; the Monongahela, 59 per cent; the Morgantown & Wheeling, 72 per cent; the Western Maryland 39 per cent and the Charleston Division, B. & O., 41 per cent. Operations on the Monongahela Railway in Pennsylvania today had a 59 per cent run, the same as the West Virginia end.

Divisional Placements. The divisional placements in Northern West Virginia today were as follows:

Railroads	Cars on Emp.	Cars on Div. 7 a.m. Or.
B. & O.	3159	1988
Charleston	122	122
M. & W.	435	435
M. H. R.	446	446
W. B. & H. R.	91	91

No Loading Xmas. Records of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association secured from the railroads show that no coal loaded in this region on Christmas day.

OFFICE CLOSED BY IRISH CONSUL HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The office of the Irish consulate from which Daniel J. McGrath directed the affairs of the Dan Egan in this city before he received a letter threatening death unless he left the country before December 26 was closed today. Leaders in Irish affairs here claimed they did not know where he was. Mr. McGrath received the letter, signed by "Military Authority, Irish Republican Army," on December 14. In it, he was told he would be shot on sight after the morning of December 26, because the writers held him responsible for the execution of Rory O'Connor and three other Irish Republican leaders in November.

FOUND

An airdale. Owner may have same by calling for this advertising. Call 1723

NOTICE

TO CITY TAXPAYERS From and after January 1st, 1923, interest will be charged on all taxes due the City. Pay now and save interest. Z. F. DAVIS, Treasurer.

War Savings Stamps

Draw No Interest After January 1, 1923 We will Make Collection For You Without Cost

or We accept these stamps as well as Thrift Stamps at our Savings Department—Interest from date of collection.

NATIONAL BANK OF FAIRMONT

Father Finds Long 'Lost' Boy in Jail After Long Search

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Frederick Livingstone, who left his home in Lincoln, Neb., eleven years ago after a quarrel with his father over the course he should take in college, was found here yesterday in the house of correction and planned to leave today to spend New Year's with his father. After being arrested for begging on the street and sentenced to three months' imprisonment he told an agent of the Prison Welfare Association the story of his wanderings and said that he had concealed his identity because he did not wish to "disgrace my family."

The agent notified Livingstone's father, who sent another son to get the long "lost boy."

POKER GAME ENDS IN KNIFE BATTLE

One Man in Hospital—Others Are Fugitives From Justice Now.

A poker game at Monongah yesterday afternoon ended seriously for Alec Radisch, a young Turk, who is a patient at Cook Hospital receiving treatment for many cuts and bruises about the head and face. His condition was thought serious when admitted to the hospital yesterday but attending physicians today say that he will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

According to the story told by Radisch to John W. Mason, assistant prosecuting attorney, he and two friends were playing a game at a house on Center street last night. One of the players told Radisch that he was no good. This led to words and in a few minutes the fight was on. Radisch held the fort for a while with a large butcher knife. He cut two of the fellows, and then when he struck at another he hit something breaking the blade or the knife. The man broken off flew and hit him on the face, inflicting a deep wound on the side of his face. Without his weapon the other closed in on Radisch and when they finished their work he was the worst beat up man ever taken from Monongah to a hospital, according to Sam Cornell, chief of police of that town.

The county officers were not notified of the case until noon today and an investigation was started at once. It is possible that several arrests will be made in a short time.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MATTIE BARR NOT YET ARRANGED

The funeral of Mrs. Mattie Barr, wife of W. L. Barr, of Fairview, whose death occurred Sunday morning at an early hour at Cook Hospital following a surgical operation performed a few days ago, will not be held for several days pending the arrival here of her parents, who reside in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Barr was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bell of Oklahoma, former residents of Fairview, and is survived by her husband and five children, Carl, Margaret, Niccolas, Frank and Fleda. The body was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton at Fairview after having been prepared for burial by R. C. Jones.

MAXWELL AUTO WRECKED.

A Maxwell touring car owned by Denward Satterfield of Route 8, ran into a ditch on the county road at Thoburn at 11:30 o'clock last night. The car was not going fast at the time the accident occurred, and none of the occupants was injured.

FOR RENT

Two large rooms well furnished for light house-keeping. Phone 1571-J. 607 Walnut Avenue.

LOST

Cameo Brooch, last night on Fmt. Ave., between Fifth St. and Virginia Theater. Finder Please Phone 275-J. Reward.

Wanted

Fifteen machine coal loaders at Betty Mines. Every day work. Assigned cars. Stone Scott Coal Co., room 403, Bethlehem Bldg., phone 1954-J. Mine phone 1137-R.

MILD CHRISTMAS WEATHER IN ALL AREAS REPORTED

Temperature in Fairmont Goes as High as 56 Above Zero Yesterday.

Yesterday was one of the mildest Christmas days ever experienced in this city, it is thought. The temperature hit a maximum of 56 degrees above zero. One fellow argued with the weatherman today that it was warmer yesterday than on July 4, 1922; but the records show it was 64 degrees above zero on July 4.

The United States basked in record warm temperatures for Christmas Day, according to Associated Press reports available today. Santa Claus returned to his home in the cold north without experiencing zero weather in any part of the country.

The highest reading was recorded at Fort Worth and Santo Domingo, Texas, and New Orleans, La., where the thermometer registered 78 degrees. Kansas City, Mo., reported a temperature only 10 degrees lower, the warmest Christmas ever officially recorded there. The same weather prevailed throughout Missouri and Kansas.

Chicago had the hottest Christmas in years with the mercury reaching 45 at five o'clock in the afternoon. Exceptionally high temperatures prevailed over Illinois.

In the Northwest, plus temperatures prevailed yesterday. Birmingham, Ala., weather officials said all previous records for warmth on Christmas day were broken.

The same condition obtained in Des Moines, Iowa, where the weather bureau was established forty-three years ago. Highest temperature readings yesterday in the eastern states ranged from 40 degrees at Boston to 66 at Atlanta, Ga. Gulf states announced high readings of from 66 degrees at El Paso and Galveston, Tex., to 78 at San Antonio, Tex., and New Orleans, La. Top readings for the east-central states were reported from 54 at Escamaba, Mich., to 68 at Memphis, Tenn.

West-central states from 42 above at Devils Lake, N. D., to 72 at Oklahoma City, Okla., mountain states from 34 degrees at Salt Lake City, Utah, to 68 at Phoenix, Ariz., Pacific states from 42 degrees at Spokane, Wash., to 62 at San Diego, Cal.

Canadian weather bureaus announced temperatures from zero at Winnipeg to 38 at Toronto and Calgary.

PAGEANT PRESENTED AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

At Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday evening the pageant, "Bethlehem," was well rendered to a large congregation. The front of the church was graced with a painting of the city of Bethlehem and the wise men. The platform and lighting effects were in charge of P. H. Fry, H. D. Grow and G. L. Sanders. Mrs. Roy J. Meyer, wife of the pastor, was the reader, and she read the story of the Christ-Child and explained the scenes and the material and construction of the painting.

The costumes were in charge of Mrs. C. H. Bloom and Mrs. Guy L. Sanders, while C. H. Bloom was the director. P. H. Fry is the superintendent of the Sunday school.

The cast of characters was as follows: Prophet C. H. Pressman; Bethlehem girls, Misses Alice Thompson, Florence Harden and Gladys Haas, Mrs. D. W. Reiter, Miss Norma Gantz, Mrs. J. Frank Stanhagen, Mrs. P. H. Fry, Miss Nell Truog, Miss Ruth Frickhorn, Miss Bessie Rosenmerkle and Miss Mildred Truog; inn keeper, D. W. Reiter; Bethlehem boys, Oliver Wood, George Rosenmerkle, George Gantz, John William Bloom and Carl Anderson; shepherds, F. W. Tutt, and John Frach; wise men, H. B. Grow, Carl H. Pressman and J. Frank Stanhagen.

After the pageant was completed boxes of candy were distributed to the Sunday school members.

RELEASED ON BOND.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Morgan mine, who were arrested Saturday for violating the prohibition law, have been released from the county jail on bond of \$1,000. Their hearings is scheduled for Friday afternoon before Justice J. L. Blocher. Green and his wife were arrested when county officers visited their home and found a moonshine still in operation.

CHICKEN—

Waffle Dinner Every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings. Table d'hôte dinner every evening. BARTLETT HOTEL Mannington, W. Va.

West Virginian Newsboys to Have Christmas Party

Presents for the newsboys who sell and deliver The West Virginian each evening are coming in fast from friends of the lads all over the city. These gifts will be placed on the giant Christmas tree in time for the big Christmas celebration to be staged for the newsboys and the agents at this office tomorrow evening, starting at 7:30.

The big tree is all set and ready for the gifts to be attached, and it is going to be some time when the newsies gather just outside the press room tomorrow evening.

This Christmas celebration, which will take the place of the annual dinner for the newsies on New Year, is not only for the city route and sales staff and agents, but for the out-of-town boys and agents as well.

Don't forget that if you have a present for some newsboy friend that you would like to have placed on the tree for him that all you need to do is call The West Virginian and they will send a messenger for the gift, or you can call at The West Virginian in person and leave it.

SLAYING OF DRY OFFICER PROBED

Woman Enters Into Consideration of Case—Warfare on Bootleggers Planned.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 26.—A woman entered into consideration today in the killing yesterday of Charles ("Dixie") Blinn, prohibition officer, the "marked man" of the dry squad here.

Police said Blinn was last seen leaving the home of Miss Lulu Lyle, Webster alley, about 10 p. m. and that shortly after that residents told of hearing shots near the house and of seeing an automobile driven away from near the residence.

According to information given police, they said today, Blinn appeared at the home of Charles Walker, South Ninth street, last night in an intoxicated condition, brandishing a revolver and threatening to "pinch" a number of "places." He is said to have left Walker's home in company with Miss Lyle.

Police are working on the theory that Blinn's murder was planned; that he was shot and placed in the machine in Webster alley, and his body taken to Marsh alley, two blocks away and then dumped off. There were no blood stains on the ground where the body was found.

To Launch Drive. STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A fresh and vigorous warfare on "speakeasies," hip-pocket vendors, "private parlor parties" as well as the highrangers in Jefferson County's alleged liquor combine will be launched at once, prohibition officers announced today, as the result of the slaying last night of Charles "Dixie" Blinn, leader of a squad of eight dry agents.

Co-operating with city police and county officials the enforcement officers believe the drive will result in wholesale arrests and the mailing down of the Volstead lid tighter than ever before in this country.

But while planning the new drive on liquor dealers officials admitted they were baffled by the murder of Blinn, whose body, with three bullet wounds, was found in a dark alley in the Polish section of Steubenville. Twenty feet away lay the empty pocketbook of the officer. His revolver was missing.

Only one new theory regarding the manner in which Blinn met death was advanced by police today—that he was not killed where his body was found. Police pointed out that the tell-tale pool of blood was missing.

"Blinn undoubtedly was killed in some resort while on a raiding excursion and his body hidden in the alley," said Sergeant Richard Ederly of the Steubenville police force. "Had he met death in the alley there would have been big blood blots on the pavement," he added.

TWO JAILED FOR TRIAL.

Marie Parrish, a negro woman of Pennsylvania avenue, and Elmer Ray of Everson are prisoners in the county jail awaiting trials before local magistrate. The Parrish woman is charged with stabbing Roberta McKinzie, also colored, with a fork following a quarrel over the ownership of a trunk. The attack was made in the Green Front Cafe in Pennsylvania avenue. Ray is charged with being drunk and disorderly.

REVIVAL OPENS TODAY.

Revival meetings at the schoolhouse on Rachel Hill will begin at 7:30 o'clock this evening, with Rev. L. V. Reamer in charge. An effort is being made to bring out large congregations for the meetings.

Miss Josephine Fitta, of Natco, is the first woman in Mississippi to be elected superintendent of schools.

LOSE HOME GAME

The Fairmont State Normal School basketball five lost the first home game of the season on Saturday night, when they were defeated by the Fairmont Mining Machinery team by a score of 26 to 23 in a fairly well played game. Only a handful of spectators witnessed the contest.

MULLIGAN ARRESTED

MANNINGTON, Dec. 26.—Pete Mulligan was arrested yesterday afternoon by local police on a charge of drunkenness and lodged in the city jail over Christmas. His trial was held before Justice J. M. Barrack this afternoon.

EIGHT DEATHS IN GOTHAM CAUSED BY BAD WHISKY

Two Women Among Victims One Man Dies in Boston Dry Navy Outfoxed.

EIGHT DEATHS. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Eight deaths were attributed today to drinking poisonous liquor over Christmas. A score or more of victims were confined to hospitals.

Of the eight persons who died, two were women. A Brooklyn woman was arrested as the seller of whisky which caused the death of one of the women.

Prohibition Director Yelowley declared that while the dry navy was busy in holding gun runners outside the three-mile limit, land rum runners succeeded in an old ruse, smuggling liquor into the city under thousands of Christmas trees.

This liquor, however, apparently was reserved for home consumption as little of it was to be found in the cabarets.

One Dies in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—One man is dead and more than thirty persons are in hospitals today as a result of drinking liquor sold during the Christmas holiday.

WHEELING ESTATE WINS DAMAGE SUIT

Local Man Ordered by Court to Pay \$4,938.46 to the Schmubach Heirs.

The trial jury in the case of Eva Pauline Schmubach and others, executors of the last will and testament of the late Henry Schmubach, back to Benjamin G. Williams has returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and assessed his damages at \$4,938.46. This amount is the full value of the suit with the deduction of \$100 draft, which the court excluded from the jury on the grounds that it was not properly described in the bill.

Attorney Rolo J. Conley and H. H. Rose, counsel for the defendant, moved the court to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial. Acting Judge John Henshaw announced that the court would take time to consider the motion. The defense attorneys claimed that the verdict was contrary to the law and evidence in the action. Attorney Frank C. Haymond represented the plaintiff in the action.

In the case of J. W. Thornhill of Beilings vs. Uriah Debenard, former of Mannington, which was tried before Judge W. S. Meredith late Saturday, the trial jury after being out a short time returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and assessed his damages at \$162.70.

LAST HONORS PAID TO FOOTBALL STAR

YPSILANTI, Mich., Dec. 26.—High officials of the state and the educational world, as well as gridiron stars of this and other years, gathered here today to pay the last honors to "Bernard Kirk," star football player of the University of Michigan, whose death resulted Saturday from an automobile accident.

The funeral was held this morning at the home of Kirk's parents. Acting as honorary pallbearers were Dr. Marion Leroy Burton, president of the University of Michigan; Governor A. J. Greenback; James O. Murfin, regent of the university; Coach Fielding H. Yost, Congressman George P. Codd of Detroit and Congressman Earl C. Michener of Adrian.

Members of the 1922 Michigan football team were active pallbearers.

Burial was in St. John's Cemetery here.

Kirk has been chosen by many critics as all-American end.

DIES OF ANTHRAX

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Patrick Sweeney, 54, of Johnstown, is dead, a victim of anthrax, contracted while handling skins in a mill in that city. Mr. Sweeney first felt the effect of the disease a week ago and believed it was caused from poison of Spanish swine which he had been handling. He died yesterday. This is the second death from the disease in this locality.

SENTENCED TO CHAIR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Abraham Becker, a chauffeur, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing for the murder last April of his wife Jennie, whose body several weeks ago was found in a lime filled grave in the Bronx. Judge Gibbs decreed that he should be executed during the week commencing February 5.

CURLING, N. F., Dec. 26.

The curling fleet was frozen in at the Bay of Islands today.

Seven schooners were caught in the ice with little prospect of getting clear until spring. With them are held 12,000 barrels of herring.

Flexible cuff links have been invented that enable a man to pull his shirt sleeves above his elbows without unbuttoning the cuffs.

Striking Miners in Region Receive Christmas Gifts

Clothing, gifts and nuts and candy were purchased from money secured from members of the United Mine Workers of America all over the United States for those who are on a strike in the towns of Norton, Bower, Junior, Mable, Coaton and other places in Northern West Virginia.

The distribution was made under the direction of J. F. Fornash, Grafton, president of sub district 3, with offices in Grafton. These donations spelled a happy Christmas to the members of the organization who continue to be out on strike.

CITY DADS MEET THIS AFTERNOON

Recess at Noon After Meeting Which Fails to Clean Up All Work.

All the work coming before the City Board of Directors at the weekly meeting in the City Building this morning not having been completed at noon, the board recessed until 3 o'clock.

Most of the time at the session this morning was consumed in the reading of the original franchise granted to B. H. McMechen to run street cars in the city and building street car lines here.

This franchise was read in connection with the second reading of the application of the M. P. & R. Co. to get a line down Twelfth street.

The matter will come up for third reading and final action next week.

Smith Hood appeared before the board on behalf of the American Laundry. He stated that on account of the price of coke, the laundry would have to go back to the use of coal on January 1.

There has been some complaint by the people of the Terrace on account of the smoke from the laundry. Mr. Hood asked for suggestions as to how the situation might be taken care of. It was decided that H. W. Miller, chief engineer at the city pumping station, should come down to the laundry in a day or two and make a study of the condition.

Fred McIntyre appeared before the board again in the matter of getting some bricks for an alley on the East Side. The board will make an investigation of the situation at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The following building permits were granted:

W. D. Ganoe to build a garage and apartment, Bellview avenue, to be made of cement block and lumber and to cost \$2,000.

E. A. Smith, addition to residence in Spring street, to build of lumber and cost \$890.

B. S. Leopold, garage and apartment rear of Walnut avenue, stucco construction and to cost \$3,500.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN BEING PROBED

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—One shot was fired at a watchman who last night discovered loose rail bolts on Santa Fe tracks near Joliet as a passenger train bound for Kansas City was approaching. Railway investigators today were making a thorough inquiry into what may have been attempted by robbers or others to wreck the train. Valuable mail and express shipments were reported aboard.

Reports to the general offices here said the watchman reported discovering the loose bolts, of the firing of a shot from the darkness and of his flagging the train. Only thirteen minutes delay was occasioned, operating officials said.

PROTEST ON ARBUCKLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A protest against the reappearance of Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle in motion pictures was telegraphed today to Will H. Hays by Mrs. Woodallen Chapman, chairman of the committee on motion pictures of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, with a membership of 2,500,000.

WOMAN HIT BY TRUCK

RESTING COMFORTABLY

Mrs. Walter J. Boydston, who was struck by the truck of the Fairmont Hotel on Sunday morning and very seriously hurt was taken to her home in Loop Park on Christmas Day, where she is doing as well as can be expected, according to reports today.

Mrs. Boydston had gone to the B. & O. station to meet her nephew, Boydston Satterfield, who was coming here to spend Christmas and while stepping onto the sidewalk, which goes into the station, over the tracks, she was struck and thrown violently to the ground.

Both bones of her right leg were broken just above the ankle. She was taken to Cook Hospital where the fracture was reduced, and the day following was taken to her home.

A warrant was issued by Mayor W. W. Conaway for John Walker, driver of the truck which struck Mrs. Boydston. He was taken to the police station and released under bond of \$500 to appear tomorrow morning for trial. Following the accident, Walker went to the police station and reported the accident, leaving his name and address.

There are almost as many women as men studying in the universities of Belgium.